

Implementing a Research Agenda for National Heritage Areas: The Next Steps

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More Conclusions

A "To Do" list:

The big picture:

- Improve our understanding of what heritage areas are all about
- Develop capacity
- Advocate for the concept of heritage areas
- Assess and share what we are doing

How to accomplish the big picture:

- Create gateway or clearinghouse to exchange info--share research and learning
- Collect, study and analyze management models
- Analyze state models, business models, EIS rules of engagement-circulate observations
- Raise money for heritage areas booklet-best practices, how-to, et cetera
- Create stronger international networks-share insights with others

Suggested List for a National Heritage Areas Database, gateway or clearinghouse (Mike Creasey)

- Management Plans
- Legislation
- Administrative History
- Feasibility Studies
- Management Models
- Programmatic Information
- Interpretative Plans
- Economic Impact Studies
- Identity Programs
- Ethnographic Studies
- Natural Resource Inventories
- Cultural Resource Inventories
- Identity and Branding
- Visioning Processes